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RESOLUTION ON ISRAELI EXCAVATIONS IN
JERUSALEM

REF: STATE 253489

1. PERMDEL OF OPINION ADDITIONAL DEMARCHES PROBABLY
NOT PRODUCTIVE. THEREFORE, RECOMMEND NONE BE MADE.

2. ACTION NOW CENTERED HERE ON INTENSIVE BEHIND
SCENES EFFORT. MODERATE AFRICANS LED BY PALUN,
DAHOMAY, STILL ATTEMPTING PERSUADE AND PRESSURE ARABS
INTO ACCEPTING MODERATING AMENDMENT. CLEAR M'BOW
ACTIVE BEHIND SCENES IN PRESSING MODERATION. AS YET
MILITANT ARABS SHOW LITTLE SIGN YIELDING. HOWEVER,
BEST JUDGMENT IS THAT MORE MODERATE ARABS, LED BY
EGYPTIAN, WILLING ACCEPT COMPROMISE

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3. ACCORDING INFO PASSED PERMREP, AFRICANS HAVE SUBMITTED AMENDMENT TO ARABS CONSISTING OF ADDITIONAL TWO PARAGRAPHS. PARA 3 RETAINED, BUT ADD PARA 4 WHICH IN SUBSTANCE STATES UNESCO PRESENCE IN JERUSALEM TO BE MAINTAINED AND STRENGTHENED. NEW PARA 5 WOULD AUTHORIZE EXBD. TO DETERMINE WHEN SANCTIONS IN PARA 3 WOULD COME INTO EFFECT. AFRICANS UNWILLING SHOW TEXT UNTIL ARABS MEET, PROBABLY TONIGHT, TO CONSIDER.

4. BEST COURSE OF ACTION US DEL SEEMS BE STAY IN BACKGROUND AND LET M'BOW'S REPRESENTATIVES TAKE LEAD. MODERATION STILL, AT BEST, OUTSIDE POSSIBILITY.

5. FYI: YOUNG JEWISH GROUP PLANS DEMONSTRATION AT UNESCO THIS EVENING. TENSIONS AROUSED MAY ADVESLY EFFECT ABILITY MODERATE AFRICAN EXERT PRESSURE.
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